

Caseloads of the Courts of Washington

Court Activity Trends by Type of Case - 2011 to 2015

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CASE FILINGS (EXCEPT PARKING)									
Traffic Infractions	972,140	872,922	-10.2 %	867,875	-0.6 %	824,729	-5 %	810,635	-1.7 %
Non-Traffic Infractions	34,182	30,126	-11.9 %	30,864	2.4 %	32,375	4.9 %	35,845	10.7 %
DUI/Physical Control Misdemeanors	38,024	34,707	-8.7 %	31,730	-8.6 %	28,588	-9.9 %	26,363	-7.8 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	113,720	98,565	-13.3 %	93,816	-4.8 %	78,654	-16.2 %	73,948	-6 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors	127,240	119,551	-6 %	110,746	-7.4 %	106,136	-4.2 %	104,953	-1.1 %
Felony Complaints (2)	5,579	5,841	4.7 %	6,473	10.8 %	6,572	1.5 %	5,634	-14.3 %
Civil	118,813	115,204	-3 %	126,600	9.9 %	126,131	-0.4 %	118,981	-5.7 %
Civil Harassment Protection (3)	8,044	8,590	6.8 %	8,270	-3.7 %	7,038	-14.9 %	7,282	3.5 %
Domestic Violence Protection (3)	2,300	2,255	-2 %	2,010	-10.9 %	1,789	-11 %	1,755	-1.9 %
Sexual Assault Protection	84	66	-21.4 %	63	-4.5 %	63	0 %	73	15.9 %
Stalking Protection			%	81	%	484	497.5 %	409	-15.5 %
Small Claims	16,667	15,301	-8.2 %	13,690	-10.5 %	13,446	-1.8 %	14,500	7.8 %
Total Non-Parking Filings	1,436,793	1,303,128	-9.3 %	1,292,218	-0.8 %	1,226,005	-5.1 %	1,200,378	-2.1 %
CHARGE DISPOSITIONS (EXC. PARKING)									
Traffic Infraction	1,216,435	1,084,483	-10.8 %	1,060,505	-2.2 %	994,576	-6.2 %	975,573	-1.9 %
Non-Traffic Infraction	42,720	38,991	-8.7 %	41,593	6.7 %	41,209	-0.9 %	42,666	3.5 %
DUI/Physical Control	23,844	22,231	-6.8 %	20,949	-5.8 %	19,812	-5.4 %	18,861	-4.8 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanor (1)	105,840	97,845	-7.6 %	88,599	-9.4 %	83,819	-5.4 %	74,257	-11.4 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanor	165,621	160,396	-3.2 %	146,940	-8.4 %	139,377	-5.1 %	135,217	-3 %
Felony Preliminary (4)	6,090	6,365	4.5 %	6,683	5 %	6,644	-0.6 %	6,590	-0.8 %
Civil	106,288	110,566	4 %	103,766	-6.2 %	117,137	12.9 %	102,464	-12.5 %
Civil Case Protection Orders	9,107	9,598	5.4 %	9,056	-5.6 %	8,133	-10.2 %	8,855	8.9 %
Small Claims	13,758	11,823	-14.1 %	10,709	-9.4 %	9,770	-8.8 %	10,208	4.5 %
Total Non-Parking Dispositions	1,689,703	1,542,298	-8.7 %	1,488,800	-3.5 %	1,420,477	-4.7 %	1,374,691	-3.3 %
CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS (EXC.									

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Jury Trials	2,397	2,143	-10.6 %	2,254	5.2 %	2,208	-2 %	1,933	-12.5 %
Non-Jury Trials and Contested Small Claims	12,422	11,630	-6.4 %	10,686	-8.1 %	8,710	-18.5 %	10,535	21 %
Contested Traffic Inf. Hrgs.	136,089	123,101	-9.5 %	117,158	-4.8 %	109,512	-6.5 %	105,701	-3.5 %
Contested Non-Traffic Inf. Hrgs.	3,242	3,069	-5.3 %	3,018	-1.7 %	2,729	-9.6 %	2,683	-1.7 %
Cont. Non-Parking Proceedings	154,150	139,943	-9.2 %	133,116	-4.9 %	123,159	-7.5 %	120,852	-1.9 %
REVENUE (EXC. PARKING)									
Traffic Infractions	138,111,861	128,887,280	-6.7 %	123,865,191	-3.9 %	116,200,741	-6.2 %	114,114,846	-1.8 %
Non-Traffic Infractions	1,997,283	2,039,247	2.1 %	2,230,292	9.4 %	2,397,099	7.5 %	2,202,153	-8.1 %
DUI/Physical Control	14,769,839	15,265,452	3.4 %	15,589,450	2.1 %	15,945,249	2.3 %	16,157,326	1.3 %
Other Traffic Misdemeanors (1)	13,455,185	13,077,402	-2.8 %	12,331,779	-5.7 %	11,842,630	-4 %	11,243,323	-5.1 %
Non-Traffic Misdemeanors	8,084,933	7,262,744	-10.2 %	6,040,283	-16.8 %	5,504,790	-8.9 %	5,243,058	-4.8 %
Criminal Court Costs Recovered	7,337,596	7,328,071	-0.1 %	6,958,311	-5 %	6,453,650	-7.3 %	6,057,512	-6.1 %
Civil	8,998,033	9,100,306	1.1 %	10,553,781	16 %	10,670,775	1.1 %	10,103,117	-5.3 %
Small Claims	408,704	374,421	-8.4 %	330,930	-11.6 %	273,983	-17.2 %	195,652	-28.6 %
Total Non-Parking Revenue	193,163,434	183,334,923	-5.1 %	177,900,017	-3 %	169,288,917	-4.8 %	165,316,987	-2.3 %
PSEA-2	27,644,743	25,981,530	-6 %	24,792,475	-4.6 %	23,380,570	-5.7 %	23,120,348	-1.1 %
PARKING INFRACTION ACTIVITY									
Filings	923,113	806,339	-12.7 %	907,194	12.5 %	809,791	-10.7 %	882,417	9 %
Dispositions	709,288	619,852	-12.6 %	668,404	7.8 %	639,023	-4.4 %	696,665	9 %
Contested Hearings	26,477	21,876	-17.4 %	21,755	-0.6 %	20,058	-7.8 %	19,164	-4.5 %
Revenue	44,998,675	45,938,908	2.1 %	53,694,907	16.9 %	43,946,901	-18.2 %	48,871,683	11.2 %

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